

INFORMA~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

CD NO.

25X1A9a  
COUNTRY

Syria

SUBJECT      Opposition to Regime of  
                 Husni Za'im

DATE DISTR 29 APR 1949

NO. OF PAGES 2

25X1A2g

PLACE 25X1A6a

NO. OF ENCLS.  
(LISTED BELOW)

DATE OF INFO.

SUPPLEMENT TO  
REPORT NO.

1. Rushdi Kikhiya, leader of the Syrian People's Party, proposed to Husni Za'in, after the coup d'état, that Za'in nominate one of Kikhiya's friends to the post of Muhafiz of Aleppo. Za'in refused to do this and appointed Husni Barazi instead. This appointment has caused some friction among opposition deputies, as well as between Sami Kabbarah and Za'in. General Za'in has also reproached Kikhiya for his lack of verbal support in the Chamber of Deputies when the Za'in seizure of the Government was under discussion for approbation. Kikhiya stated that he, as a lawyer, realized that Za'in's seizure of power was contrary to the constitution, source asserts.
2. Followers of former President Quwwatli, including Solho and Lutfi Haffar\*\* and Faiz Dalati, have visited the Damascus Legations of Saudi Arabia and Egypt, telling Legation officials that Husni Za'in is British-backed and that the coup was equivalent to turning the country over to the British. They stated that the same thing would happen in Saudi Arabia and Egypt. These men also visited the French Legation, thinking that the French still held grievances against Za'in for his activities during World War II,\*\* and told officials there that Za'in was planning to have Quwwatli brought to trial for complicity in the murder of Dr. Shabbandar.\*\*\* Informant states that the French have commenced an investigation of this case to determine the extent of Quwwatli's involvement.
3. Informant also states that this group will try to create disturbances and demonstrations in Damascus against Za'in, as well as in the Jabal Druze, where Sheikh 'Abd-al-Hamid Khabbar has volunteered to arouse the people against the new regime.

25X1A6a \*

Comment. Lubis Haffar was Vice Premier in the Jemal Haddad Cabinet and has long been a supporter of President Qunawlati.

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

STATE		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NAVY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NSRB	DISTRIBUTION	
ARMY		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AIR	FBI		

This document is hereby regraded to  
CONFIDENTIAL in accordance with the  
letter of 16 October 1978 from the  
Director of Central Intelligence to the  
Archivist of the United States.

**Next Review Date: 2008**

Document No.

NO CHANGE in Class ☐

DECLASSIFIED

CLASS. CHANGED TO:

DDA Memo. 4

DDA REG. 7F

Approved For Release 1999/09/09 : CIA-RDP82-00457R0002700110005-9

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

25X1A2g

-2-

- 25X1A6a \*\* ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ Comment. ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ described in some detail Zafin's dealings with both Vichy and De Gaullist groups in Syria.
- 25X1A6a \*\*\* ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ Comment. Early in 1941 Lutfi Haffar and Jamil Mardam were acquitted of the murder of Dr. Shahbandar, Damascene political leader who was assassinated in July 1940.

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~